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**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE**

978.929.6600

 **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday-Thursday: 8AM-5PM  
 Friday: 8AM-2:30PM

**TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES** **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday: 8AM-5PM  
 Tuesday: 8AM-7:30PM  
 Wednesday: 8AM-5PM  
 Thursday: 8AM-5PM  
 Friday: 8AM-12PM  
 Saturday-Sunday- Closed  
 Closed: February 19th

**ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY** **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday: 8AM-5PM  
 Tuesday: 8AM-7:30PM  
 Wednesday: 8AM-5PM  
 Thursday: 8AM-5PM  
 Friday: 8AM-12PM  
 Saturday: 9AM - 5PM  
 Sunday: 1PM - 5PM

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 and meeting postings  
 delivered by email or  
 SMS text message.*

**SUBSCRIBE****TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE**

As you may have heard, the Select Board is considering placing an override question on the April 30th Town Election Ballot. The Annual Town Meeting is one week after the election (on May 6th) and town and school leaders are preparing two budgets (referred to as "A" and "B" budgets) for Town Meeting. The "A" budget will make use of additional revenue available if the override question passes by majority at the Town Election, and the "B" budget will use only the revenue that is available within the constraints of proposition 2 1/2. To learn more about proposition 2 1/2, budget's "A" and "B", capital budget proposals, and to view the budgets from Acton Boxborough Regional School District and Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, please use the links below.

Town of Acton FY25 Budget and Capital Plans: [www.actonma.gov/manager](http://www.actonma.gov/manager)

Acton Boxborough Regional School District Budget Information: [https://www.abschools.org/school\\_committee/budgets/f\\_y25\\_budget](https://www.abschools.org/school_committee/budgets/f_y25_budget)

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District Budget Information: <https://www.minuteman.org/departments/business-office/finance>

Information about Property Taxes from the Town of Acton Assessor: [www.actonma.gov/assessor](http://www.actonma.gov/assessor)

On January 22nd, I presented a revised recommendation for the FY25 municipal budget to the Select Board. The revision was based on direction from the Select Board to reduce our level services budget by \$1M. The capital plan was also adjusted to maximize investments based on prioritization discussions held by the Select Board. This revised budget also incorporated feedback received at the budget workshop from the Finance Committee and represents the current "A" budget proposal.

To watch the presentation, please visit - <https://www.youtube.com/live/TJSM3vj20IQ?si=5P14VVSm1-eYvkL&t=1257>

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

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Below is a link to the presentation published online, please reach out to me at [Manager@actonma.gov](mailto:Manager@actonma.gov) with any questions or comments that you have about this revised proposal.

<https://actonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9323/2024-1-22--Town-Manager-FY2025-Revised-Budget-Presentation>

Use this link to view the budget workshop presentations from each department and division head. Budget Workshop Part 1: [https://www.youtube.com/live/QB9XbP\\_3cPA?si=GiLn-GwqoiU9Rxy8](https://www.youtube.com/live/QB9XbP_3cPA?si=GiLn-GwqoiU9Rxy8)

Budget Workshop Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/pZv4X-toOqw?si=k3hwB9nsVgfb5fOQ>

Below are list of upcoming meetings and events that will provide opportunities to learn more about the municipal budget. If you have any questions about any of these documents or the budget process to date, please reach out to me as well.

- February 5th at 7:00 pm - Acton Select Board
- February 12th at 7:30 am - Acton Leadership Group - Acton Town Hall (also virtual through Zoom)
- February 13th at 7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Acton Town Hall (also broadcast on ActonTV's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ActonTV1>
- February 16th at 9:45 am - Java with John at Acton Senior Center
- February 26th at 7:30 am - Acton Leadership Group - Acton Town Hall (also virtual through Zoom)
- February 26th at 7:00 pm - Acton Select Board

On Friday the 26th, the Council on Aging hosted a monthly Java with John event. Maria Palacio, Director of Acton Libraries (bottom right photo), joined me to discuss the great programs and events the Public Libraries are hosting regularly. To view those programs and learn more about the Memorial Library and West Action Citizens Library, please visit [www.actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org). There were great questions and comments by attendees. For future Java with John events, please visit the Council on Aging website at [www.actoncoa.com](http://www.actoncoa.com)



During the January 22nd Select Board meeting, the Board voted to approve and adopt a number of items that will have a positive impact to residents and town operations moving forward. The first was acceptance of an amendment to the general by-laws allowing for the regulating of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in Buildings. This change is part of a pilot program Acton has been approved to join through DOER. Acton is one of 10 Commonwealth communities invited to join the program., which furthers the wishes of Town Meeting to further initiatives aimed at bringing Town-wide carbon emissions to zero as quickly as possible, with a target date of 2030. To view the adopted bylaw changes, please select the presentation image.



The second item was the approved adoption of an electric vehicle first policy, effective February 1st. This policy will require municipal departments to prioritize future procurement of vehicles by purchasing battery powered electric vehicles if available and suitable for the usage first; followed by plug-in hybrids; hybrid electric vehicles or other alternative fuel vehicles; and if none of these options exist for the intended usage and vehicle, than a standard vehicle powered by fossil fuels may be purchased. This policy and presentation can be viewed by selecting the image.



The Select Board also approved increases to Ambulance fees. The Town currently operates three levels of ambulance response: basic life support, advanced life support 1 and advanced life support 2. The changes to fees will bring Acton in line with surrounding communities and help increase revenues that will aid in offsetting the cost of operating these services.

Please join me in congratulating Christopher Sammet on his recent promotion to Deputy Fire Chief. Deputy Chief Sammet (photo to right) started his career as a Firefighter/EMT for the Boxborough Fire Department, before transferring to Acton Fire in 1998. More recently, he served the Acton Fire Department as Captain, overseeing training, conducting inspections, serving as incident commander, and aiding the Chief in transitioning the Department to Advanced Life Support. I am confident Deputy Chief Sammet will do a wonderful job in his new role.



As we prepare for Annual Town Meeting, I invite you to continue visiting the Town Manager page to view the latest information on the FY25 budget. Please visit [www.actonma.gov/Manager](http://www.actonma.gov/Manager)

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager

## Updated 2024 Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Collection Days and Accepted Materials Guide

View the dates at [actonma.gov/511/What-to-Recycle](http://actonma.gov/511/What-to-Recycle)



### POLYSTYRENE COLLECTION DAYS

The polystyrene (Styrofoam) collection takes place in the spring and fall on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 10AM - 1PM:

- March 16th, 2024
- April 20th, 2024
- May 18th, 2024
- June 15th, 2024
- July 20th, 2024
- August 17th, 2024
- September 21st, 2024
- October 19th, 2024
- November 16th, 2024

Entry via the Acton DPW, 14 Forest Rd.  
(No access permitted through the Transfer Station)  
Transfer Station sticker required for access



### POLYSTYRENE RECYCLING GUIDE

Polystyrene products collected by the Town of Acton are recycled by Gold Circuit E-Cycling. The following guide from Gold Circuit shows which items are collected and not collected by Acton's Transfer Station.

**YES!** These foam products can be recycled at Gold Circuit



Coolers   Bulk Packing Block   Insulation Panels   Polyethylene Foam (Flexible)

**NO!** These foam products CANNOT be recycled at Gold Circuit



Cups   Packing Peanuts   Plates   Food Containers   Foam Egg Crate Packaging   Pool Noodles   Instapack Liquid Filled

Visit [GoldCircuit.io](http://GoldCircuit.io) for more information

## Valentines Day Recycling Guide

## Winter Watershed Maintenance Tips

**LOVE IT.**  
Please, recycle these:



PAPER CARDS & ENVELOPES  
EMPTY LOTION BOTTLES (REMOVE PUMP)  
EMPTY WINE BOTTLES  
PAPER GIFT BAGS  
CARDBOARD BOXES

**LOATHE IT.**  
Keep these out of your recycling bin:



WRAPPING PAPER, RIBBONS & BOWS  
BALLOONS  
CANDY WRAPPERS  
CANDY TRAYS & BOXES  
GLASS FLOWER VASES

**This winter, take care of your landscape- and your watershed!**

- Don't pile snow on rain gardens or landscaping
- Prune certain trees
- Clear downspouts, gutters, and storm drains to allow melting snow to drain
- Shovel your walk rather than use salt when possible
- Don't leave your rain barrel connected to your downspout
- Apply mulch over any bare spots on your rain garden

Learn more at [www.respectourwaters.com](http://www.respectourwaters.com)

Did you Know... the Acton DPW has created an informational pamphlet for the winter season? This pamphlet includes information on winter parking bans, snow cleanup operations, fire hydrant access after storms, damage to mailboxes and basketball nets due to plowing, and a number of other important information to help you through the winter season. To view the pamphlet, please click [HERE](#).

The Town, through the Economic Development Department, recently issued a Request for Proposals for the reuse of 19-21 Maple Street. Bid submissions are due on February 7th. For more information on the RFP and process, please click the image to the right.



TOWN OF ACTON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR THE LEASE OF

19-21 MAPLE STREET

BID #: 2/7/2024-1083



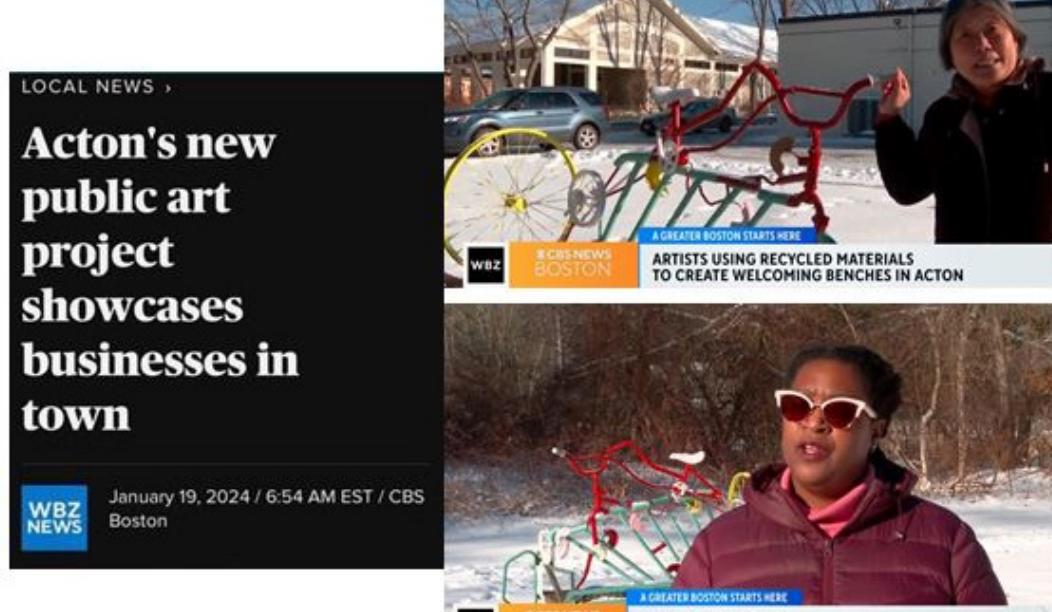
- How to do Business in Acton:



### Guide for Acton Business Owners

Looking to start a business in Acton? Check out the guide for Acton Business Owners! The Economic Development Office is happy to announce the creation of a Guide for Acton Business Owners which contains information for businesses whether they're looking to start, expand or move their business to town. Please click on the image to the left for more information.

Recently, the new public art project showcasing businesses throughout town was highlighted by WBZ News. Economic & Community Development Director, Julie Pierce, was interviewed and featured by WBZ. To watch the feature and interview, click the below image.





## News from the Town Clerk's Office

2024 will have multiple elections as well as the annual town meeting, please confirm your voter status by going to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's page: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voter-resources/registering-to-vote.htm>

**Please be on the lookout for the Mail-In Ballot** postcard being sent to every registered voter in the Commonwealth. Please review the information on the card and if you would like to vote by mail, please sign and return it to our office.

**The Town of Acton Annual Street Listing/Census** has been mailed out, please don't forget to sign and return it to our office.

**Dog license renewals have been mailed out.** If you have a dog and did not receive a notice, please contact our office.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

### 2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DATES



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1: 9-11:30 a.m.**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 24: 4-6:30 p.m.**

#### OIL PAINTS, STAINS, THINNERS & STRIPPERS

- SOLVENTS, VARNISHES
- ADHESIVES, GLUES, RESINS
- WASTE FUELS, CONTAMINATED WASTE OIL
- ENGINE DEGREASER, BRAKE FLUID
- TRANSMISSION FLUID, ANTIFREEZE
- INSECTICIDES, WEED KILLERS, PESTICIDES
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- HOBBY SUPPLIES, ARTIST SUPPLIES
- PHOTO CHEMICALS, CHEMISTRY SETS
- CLEANERS, SPOT REMOVERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- AEROSOL CANS

#### WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO ACTON FACILITIES

#### NOT TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Town Hall hours: M,W,Th 8-5 p.m., Tu 8-7:30 p.m., Fri. 8-Noon

- Fluorescent light bulbs (Transfer Station)
- Television's and CRT's (Transfer Station) -There is a \$25 fee per unit
- Uncontaminated waste oil (Transfer Station)
- Lithium ion, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead acid batteries (Transfer Station or Town Hall)
- Car batteries (Transfer Station)
- Hearing Aid (Button Cell) batteries (Town Hall)
- Sharps, Hypodermic Needles (PSF, Acton Nursing or Transfer Station)
- Fire extinguishers (Transfer Station)

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alkaline Batteries (dispose of in regular trash)
- Latex Paint (open, add hardener to expedite drying, throw away)
- Smoke Detectors (dispose of in trash)
- Asbestos (call a Licensed Asbestos Contractor)
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Infectious & biological waste
- Radioactive waste
- Oil filters (punch hole in dome, drain for 24 hours, save oil for recycling, put in trash after draining)

## Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Program and Opt-In Specialized Stretch Energy Code Website

The Opt-In Specialized Stretch Energy Code went into effect January 1, 2024 and the Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Program will go into effect on March 21st, 2024.

The Towns of Acton, Arlington, and Lexington have developed an **online resource** to inform permit-seekers, members of the development community, and the public on the stretch code and demonstration program during implementation.

Visit [bit.ly/fffenergy](https://bit.ly/fffenergy) to view the page!

## New Rate for Acton Power Choice GREEN!

Prices for Acton Power Choice, Acton's **electricity aggregation program**, have decreased for all program options. Acton Power Choice GREEN's new price is **17.039 cents / kWh**.

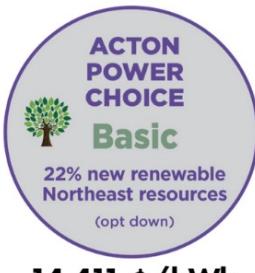
New prices took effect in December of 2023 as part of a new 36-month contract—prices will not change for the entirety of the 3-year period. This new contract provides Acton businesses and residents with **more renewable electricity** and **lower prices** than Eversource's current residential Basic Service rates.

Visit [masspowerchoice.com/acton](https://masspowerchoice.com/acton) to opt up or enroll today!

### Eversource's Basic Service

Residential: 17.216 ¢/kWh  
Small Business: 17.552 ¢/kWh  
Large Business: 19.063 ¢/kWh

*Future savings cannot be guaranteed because Eversource's prices change and their future prices are not known.*



## INTERESTED IN RENTING A FIELD OR FACILITY?

Acton Recreation provides a number of options that could be perfect for your next event. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## SCHOOL VACATION AND SCHOOL DAYS OFF PROGRAMS

Are filling up fast. For a list of available programs and registration, please click [HERE](#).

## ANNOUNCING THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT NARA!

Tickets are now available - click [here](#) for tickets and details. For a full list of dates and performers, please click [HERE](#).



## NOW HIRING

2024 SEASONAL SUMMER RECREATION WORKERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT  
ACTONMA.GOV/JOBS

**DYK - The Acton Recreation Department will be hosting Tablewood Marionettes: Arabian Adventure (Feb. 11th), Sleeping Beauty (March 10th), and Hansel and Gretel (April 14th)! Registration in advance is required and limited for capacity.**

Register at [actonrec.com](#).

Each of these Marionette shows is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Festivals and Project Grant supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

### NARA WINTER FUN

#### SLEDDING AT NARA PARK



SLED AT YOUR OWN RISK - PLEASE SLED TOWARDS THE UPPER FIELDS.  
DO NOT SLED TOWARDS THE AMPHITHEATER STAGE OR THE AMPHITHEATER BACK HILL.  
ALL YOUTH SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.  
SLEDDING PERMITTED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

#### ICE SKATING AT NARA OR ANY BODY OF WATER

We do not recommend ice skating on any frozen ponds or streams.

Skating on frozen or partially frozen ponds is dangerous.

Please go to a skating rink to ice skate.

Acton Recreation is working on bringing back the ice rink at the upper parking lot area at NARA this winter.

Please visit the NARA Park Facebook page for updates.

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## NARA PARK SNOW REMOVAL

NARA parking areas are plowed once the main roads have been safely cleared. The paved pathway around the park is cleared pending all priority sidewalks and roads in town have been completed and pending availability of staff.

Do you receive our e-newsletter? If you would like to be added, just let us know at [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov). We don't share your email nor inundate your inbox!

## FEBRUARY ART CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

- The winter session of drawing and watercolor class with Fran Hewitt is currently full; please call the COA about waitlist
- **Wool Needle Felting** class, create a framed image of flowers, with Magda Stilmant on Wednesday, January 17 at 1 p.m.
- **Drop-in Art Group** meets Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. and a Needle Arts Group that meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

## LITERATURE PROGRAMS THIS MONTH

- Book group is discussing Horse by Geraldine Brooks on Tuesday, February 13 at 10 am
- Learn about the work of this month's poet John Clare via Zoom, Thursday February 22 10:30 am
- The winter session of Words Galore is underway but new people are welcome through Thursday, March 14 at 9am via Zoom
- LitLovers Study Group is discussing Pearl S. Buck's The Good Earth on Tuesday, February 27 at 2:30 pm

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AMBASSADORS:** The Council on Aging is starting a new Ambassador program. Volunteers will be matched with someone who they will meet at the Senior Center to learn about the operations and programs offered at the Senior Center. For more information and if interested, please contact Chirs Chirokas at [cchirokas@actonma.gov](mailto:cchirokas@actonma.gov) or 978-929-6652.

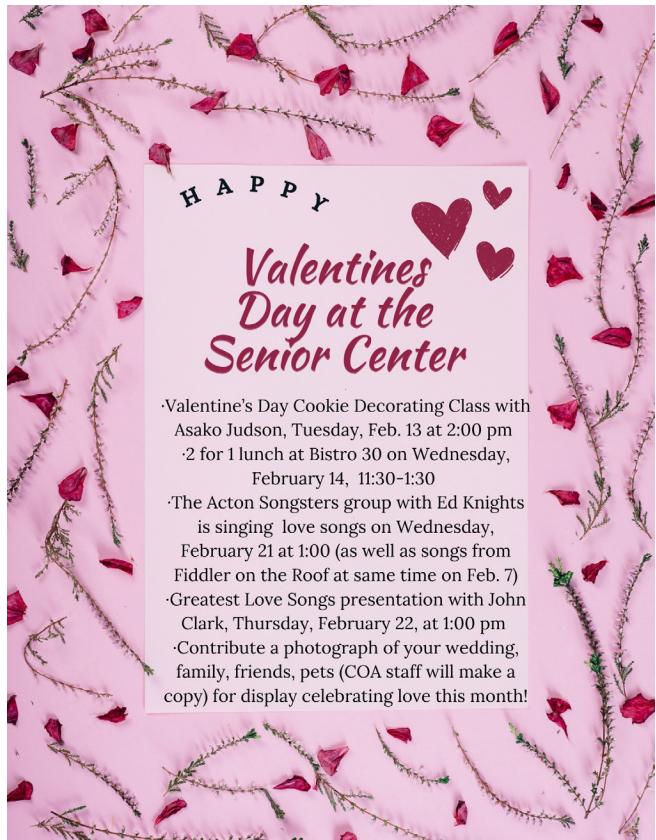
## COUNCIL ON AGING AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Located in the  
Human Services Building  
30 Sudbury Road Rear, Acton  
Phone: 978-929-6652  
Email: [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov)  
Facebook: [@actoncoa](https://www.facebook.com/@actoncoa)

### HOURS

Monday	8AM - 5PM
Tuesday	8AM - 7:30PM
Wednesday	8AM - 5PM
Thursday	8AM - 5PM
Friday	8AM - 12PM
Saturday/Sunday	CLOSED

**Holiday Closures: February 19**



## FEBRUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

See our newsletter for details. Most programs are free for Acton seniors!

- **Laugh for Your Health** laughter yoga with **Susan Phillips**, Thursday's at 11 am.
- **Memory Lane Cafe** for people with memory impairment and their care partners, Tuesday, February 27 at noon
- **Technology help appointments** with librarian **Rebecca Schmidt**, Thursday February 8 from 10-11 am.
- **Weekly visits from therapy dog Bodacious**, Wednesday's from 10am - noon
- **AARP TaxAide** appointments for free income tax preparation are underway. Please contact the COA to sign up.

### Lifelong Learning Opportunities:

- **The Quest for Peace, War, Internationalism and the Creation of the United Nations** with **Paolo Di Gregorio**, Thursday, February 15 at 1 pm
- **Protect Yourself from Fraud and Identity Theft/AARP Presentation**, Tuesday, February 20 at 1 pm

### NEWSLETTER AND NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know that you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter online? Family members are encouraged to see what we offer and may be of interest to their older family members. It just takes a moment to sign up, where you can also sign up for COA notifications on things such as program cancellations. <https://actoncoa.com/list.aspx> If you will be away for an extended period of time and receive our newsletter in the mail, please notify us to put your delivery on hold.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services, please contact Senior Services Coordinator [Beverly Hutchings](#) at 978-929-6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services.

### MEALS

The Minuteman Senior Service (MMSS) dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon for \$2 donation. Anyone celebrating a birthday receives a free lunch the second Thursday of the month! Grab and Go lunches are offered Monday through Friday. Sign up for lunch at least 24 hours in advance in-person or by phone 781-221-7098.

Our popular lunch café, Bistro 30, is open from 11:30 am -1:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays for people of all ages; new menu each week, \$6/item. The COA also partners with Open Table to provide free frozen meals to bring home.

### MAKE A RESERVATION WITH THE COA FOR SPECIAL CULINARY EVENTS:

- **Dinner by Doug from Boston Events**, Tuesday, February 6, at 5 pm, chicken kabobs, \$5
- **Lunch with Chef McGuire**, Tuesday, February 13, at noon, chili, \$3 donation
- **Monthly Breakfast**, Friday, February 16, at 9 am, \$3;
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook Lunch**, Tuesday, February 20, at noon, meatloaf, \$3

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm  
 Friday: 9 am - 5 pm  
 Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm  
 Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

**UPCOMING CLOSURES**

Monday, February 19: Presidents Day

**FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Winter Concert Series continues with Kyle Langlois performing at the Memorial Library on Sunday, February 25th from 2 pm-3pm
- Join us on Monday, February 5th at 4pm for Comic Book Club. This is open for children grades 2+
- The West Acton Citizens' Library will be hosting Storytimes each Thursday at 10 am through February. Registration is not required
- On Monday, February 12th from 7 pm - 8 pm the Library will host a Virtual Black Girl Love Indie Romance Writers Panel featuring Alexandria House, Katrina Jackson, and Ines Johnson. For registration, please click on the image to the right

Winter Concert Series: Kyle Langlois

SUNDAY  
02/25/2024  
2pm - 3pm

Acton Memorial Library  
2nd Floor Piano  
FREE ADMISSION

Funded by the AML Foundation

Langlois brings an acoustic piano and vocal performance that spans multiple genres, decades, and sounds, and he is excited to share his love and passion of music with his audiences at the library!

 Acton Memorial Library



(Virtual) Black Girl Love  
Indie Romance Writers Panel with  
Alexandria House, Katrina Jackson,  
and Ines Johnson

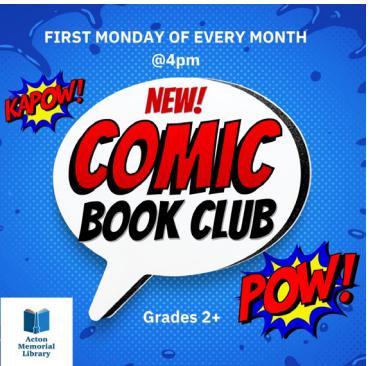


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Register on Zoom  
[tinyurl.com/4ybajyn5](http://tinyurl.com/4ybajyn5)

 Acton Memorial Library

In partnership with Ashland Public Library

**PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND CITIZENS LIBRARY**

FOR A FULL LIST OF FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AND REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS, PLEASE VISIT - [ACTONMEMORIALLIBRARY.ORG/CALENDAR](http://ACTONMEMORIALLIBRARY.ORG/CALENDAR)

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **D&D for Teens, Grades 7+,** Saturdays, February 3rd and 17th, 10 am - noon
- **Valentine's Day Gingerbread House Decorating for Teens,** Saturday, February 17th 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- **Teen Advisory Board,** Wednesday, February 28th, 3 - 4 pm

### NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILL?

Massachusetts' home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) helps eligible households pay a portion of their winter heating bills. No matter what type of heating source you have, and even if the cost of heat is included in your rent, LIHEAP might be able to help.

Home heating costs during the heating season (November 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024) may be eligible for LIHEAP.

#### ***Do I qualify?***

- Eligibility for LIHEAP services can vary depending on income, household size, place of residence, and other factors.
- Households must meet 60% of state median income levels.
- The Council on Aging and the Community Services Office can help you determine if you qualify.
- Eligibility and benefit information is available online [here](#).

#### ***How does the program work?***

Fill out a free application to determine if you are eligible. It doesn't matter if you own or rent - or even if heat is included in the price of the rent - LIHEAP may be able to help.

- The program provides a fixed amount for the cost of your primary source of heat, including (but not limited to) oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.
- Payments are made directly to the heating company.
- Please contact the Council on Aging at (978) 929-6652 or the Community Services Office at (978) 929-6651 to schedule an appointment.

### Acton Emergency Assistance Program

The **Acton Emergency Assistance Program** provides eligible Acton households with short-term financial assistance using grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program is intended to provide emergency assistance for rent, mortgage, utilities, (electric, natural gas, oil and propane) and childcare. The Community Services Office is available to answer any questions and help with completing the application. The application can be found by click [HERE](#). For more information, contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651 or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov).

#### INCOME GUIDELINES

#### HOUSEHOLD SIZE

#### MAXIMUM INCOME LIMIT

1	\$61,110
2	\$69,810
3	\$78,520
4	\$87,230
5	\$94,250
6	\$106,740
7	\$120,360



Schedule of FREE Events at  
Discovery Museum  
January - June 2024

July - December to be announced later

Join us with free admission during special hours for families and groups that would benefit from a limited capacity, sensory friendly visit. During these events, we offer accommodations that increase access to exhibits and provide an opportunity for families to network with one another in an understanding, ADA-compliant environment. Extra steps are also taken for the comfort of our visitors including a designated Take-A-Break Space.

Preregistration required at <https://bit.ly/EFMAtDiscovery>

Email [fun@discoveryacton.org](mailto:fun@discoveryacton.org) with any questions.



#### Sensory-Friendly Afternoons

Visit when we're open to the public, but lower visitation is expected.

Tuesdays 1:30 - 4:30 pm:

January 9  
February 6  
March 12

April 2  
May 7  
June 4

#### Special Evenings

Visit when the museum is closed to the public. Dinner (including gluten-free option) provided.

Saturdays 5:00 - 8:00pm:  
All Access Evening  
April 27

Evening for Blind, Visually Impaired, or DeafBlind  
February 10

Autism-friendly Evening  
January 6  
March 9  
June 15

Evening for Deaf, Blind, or DeafBlind  
March 23  
Sensory-friendly Evening for Visitors 18+  
April 6



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# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600 | VISIT US ONLINE AT [ACTONMA.GOV](http://ACTONMA.GOV)**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	<a href="mailto:nursing@actonma.gov">nursing@actonma.gov</a>
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